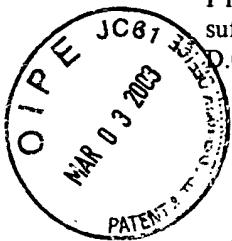


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested for responding to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, requiring a two month extention to March 1, 2003; the extension fee is:

\$205.00 \$410.00

The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated

An extension fee in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3117. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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